

ASSEMBLY BILL

No. 733

Introduced by Assembly Member Longville
(Coauthor: Assembly Member Runner)
(Coauthor: Senator Knight)

February 19, 2003

An act to amend Section 14176.5 of the Welfare and Institutions Code, relating to Medi-Cal.

LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL'S DIGEST

AB 733, as introduced, Longville. Medi-Cal: overpayment forgiveness.

Existing law provides for the Medi-Cal program, administered by the State Department of Health Services, under which qualified low-income persons are provided with health care services.

Under existing law, the department audits providers to determine whether any overpayments have been made for Medi-Cal services and, subject to an appeals process, the department is empowered to collect overpayments determined to have been made pursuant to these audits. Existing law also provides that whenever, pursuant to an audit conducted by the department, an overpayment for Medi-Cal services has been made to certain categories of hospitals located in Kern or Monterey Counties for services rendered from January 1, 1992, to December 31, 1997, the department may forgive a hospital the debt arising from the overpayment and interest.

This bill would expand the application of this provision to hospitals otherwise meeting the requirements of this provision, but which are located in San Bernardino County.

Vote: majority. Appropriation: no. Fiscal committee: yes.
State-mandated local program: no.

The people of the State of California do enact as follows:

- 1 SECTION 1. Section 14176.5 of the Welfare and Institutions
2 Code is amended to read:
3 14176.5. Whenever it has been determined, pursuant to an
4 audit conducted by the department, that an overpayment for
5 Medi-Cal services has been made to a hospital for services
6 rendered from January 1, 1992, to December 31, 1997, the
7 department may forgive all or part of the debt arising from the
8 overpayment, and interest, if the hospital is all of the following:
9 (a) A disproportionate share hospital, as defined in Section
10 14105.98.
11 (b) Located in Kern County, *San Bernardino County*, or
12 Monterey County.
13 (c) A nonprofit hospital, as defined in Section 127050 of the
14 Health and Safety Code, or not affiliated with a hospital system.

